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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY—Harbor Construction Work Against Infection from Rats.

The following was received from Vice-Consul General Baker, under date of May 7:

A rat-proof wall extending along a large section of the water front of this port has just been completed by the harbor authorities on recommendation of the board of health.

In 1900, the year of the first serious epidemic of plague in this community, the medical officer for health strongly urged the erection of this wall as a safeguard against infection. The work was not really begun until almost two years later. The results are already being manifested. The two staffs of rat catchers maintained by the board of health and the city council, respectively, for the wharves and for premises in immediate neighborhood of the water front, have now much less difficulty than formerly in keeping the rats down, and the large number of poison baits which for years have been laid each night are taken in smaller and smaller proportions.

From June 15, 1909, to April 16, 1910, not one plague-infected rat was discovered at this port. On the latter date one infected rat was found, and on April 24, 1910, two more were found in the same vicinity.

BARBADOS.

BRIDGETOWN—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Le Sueur reports, May 22 and 28:

Week ended May 21. Vessels inspected 8, of which number 2 were fumigated. They carried a total of 325 members of crews and 139 passengers. Sanitary condition of cargoes, crews, and passengers good.

Week ended May 28. Vessels inspected 11, of which number 1 was fumigated. Total members of crews 472, passengers 196. Sanitary condition of vessels, cargoes, and personnel good.

CHINA.

AMOY—Inspection of Vessels—Plague.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Morehead reports, April 26 and May 3 and 9:

Week ended April 23. Bills of health issued as follows: Steamships *Taisang* for Manila, crew 62, cabin passengers 27, steerage passengers 146, and *Yingchow* for Manila, crew 55, cabin passengers 51, steerage passengers 234, granted original bills of health. All passengers vaccinated. Crews and steerage passengers bathed and clothing disinfected. Two cases of trachoma from steamship *Yingchow* held. Manifests viséed for 1,435 and 856 packages of freight, respectively.

Week ended April 30. Bills of health issued as follows: April 26, U. S. S. *Pompey*, naval collier, for Manila, crew 38 and 8 passengers

for Manila granted original bill of health. Crew vaccinated and bathed and their clothing disinfected. The 8 passengers, seamen transferred direct from the U. S. S. *Wilmington* for conveyance to Manila, showed evidences of recent vaccination and having had no communication with the shore they were exempted from the measures applied to the crew. All were examined immediately prior to sailing. April 29, steamship *Taisang* for Manila, crew 64, cabin passengers 16, steerage passengers 150, was granted original bill of health. Crew and steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected. All on board examined immediately prior to sailing. Manifest viséed for 1,309 packages of freight. Two cases of trachoma held.

Week ended May 7. Steamship *Yingchow* for Manila, crew 56, cabin passengers 41, steerage passengers 128. Crew and steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected. One cabin and 1 steerage passenger rejected.

A death from pneumonic plague occurred April 14 in the person of a foreigner. A case of bubonic plague was reported in the city of Amoy during the week ended April 23 and 1 during the week ended April 30. Dead rats are seen in the streets of Amoy. Plague is reported present in a district 60 miles distant from Amoy.

COSTA RICA.

LIMON, Fruit Port—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports:
Bills of health issued as follows:

WEEK ENDED MAY 28.

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers from this port.	Passengers in transit.
May 22	Limon.....	Boston.....	43	1
23	Prinz Aug. Wilhelm.....	New York.....	105	121	10
25	Harry T. Inge.....	New Orleans.....	27
26	Hippolyte Dumois.....	Mobile.....	25
27	Parismina.....	New Orleans.....	82	14	21
28	Preston.....	Southern port, via New Orleans.	29

CUBA.

CIENFUEGOS—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Suarez reports, June 3 and 6:

Week ended May 28. Vessels inspected, 2. Bills of health issued, 2. Week ended June 4. Vessels inspected, 8. Bills of health issued, 8. Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected, 267. Passengers in transit, 4.

No quarantinable disease reported.

HABANA—Inspection of Vessels—Status of Leprosy in Cuba.

Passed Assistant Surgeon de Valin reports, June 7:

Week ended June 4. Bills of health issued, 31. Vessels inspected and passed, 27. Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected, 1,041. Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected, 1,169.